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In the Abstract:

Page 9, lines 2-6, replace the paragraph with the following
paragraph:

--A method for surface treatment of at least one electrically
conducting substrate or a substrate that has been coated so as to be conducting (1)
by means of a gas placed in the region of an electric discharge (2). The
discharge region is restricted by at least two essentially opposite sides of the
substrate surface to be treated (7). This process is especially suitable for treating
band-shaped and continuously supplied substrates.--

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